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1. It was learned on 4 November 1950 that the hospital on Diethenstrasse, Neuruppin (N 53/2 49), was no longer used as such. It was said that headquarters formerly in the See Kaserne and the Friedrich Franz Kaserne had moved into the hospital building about two weeks previously. A general was also billeted there. The Soviet kommandatura had vacated the former Landratsamt (county administration building) and had also moved to the hospital building. The Landratsamt was to be released to German agencies. *
2. On 15 November the troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, who had been quartered at the Neuruppin airfield, were distributed throughout the Neuruppin barracks installations. The entire unit had vacated the airfield premises. A rumor that German civilians living in the houses near the airfield would be evicted seems to prove true, since Soviet AF units are slated to arrive. **

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Comment. A tank division headquarters was reportedly located in the former military post hospital on Karl Liebknechtstrasse, formerly Diethenstrasse, corner of Fohrbollenerstrasse, in November 1949. The headquarters was confirmed three times between August and mid-October 1950.

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It is therefore improbable that the former military post hospital should have been used as a Soviet hospital until the end of October 1950. It is rather believed that elements of the division headquarters have been located there permanently, and that additional headquarters elements may have been moved to the hospital from the barracks installations mentioned. The former Landratsamt on Heinrichstrasse housed a Soviet kommandatura in February 1949.

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reported in April 1950 that the Neuruppin kommandatura was located in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. *

Comment. The 34th Gds Ltz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div has so far been located at the Neuruppin airfield. The regiment was confirmed there by several documents.

The airfield barracks were still occupied by about 600 troops on 19 October 1950. In view of the condition of the airfield, it is possible that air units may be assigned to the field.

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